

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § NR 150.30 (3) and Wis. Stat. §281.346 (9), the Department of Natural Resources will hold three public hearings to provide information and receive public comments on the City of Waukesha's Lake Michigan diversion application. The draft Technical Review and draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documents can be found online at:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wateruse/waukeshadiversionapp.html>.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearings will be held on:

Monday August 17th, 2015 at 5:30 pm.
Carroll University Center for Graduate Studies
Auditorium (LL14), 2140 Davidson Rd,
Waukesha, WI 53186

Tuesday August 18th, 2015 at 1:00 pm.
Zilber School of Public Health – University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
Triplex rooms 109, 114, and 124
1240 N. 10th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53205.

Tuesday August 18th, 2015 at 5:30 pm.
Racine Masonic Center
1012 Main St.
Racine, WI 53403.

Any additional questions regarding the public hearings can be directed to:

Shaili Pfeiffer

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Madison WI 53707-7921
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Application Review

Name and Address of Applicant: City of Waukesha, 115 Delafield Street, Waukesha, WI 53188-3615

The City of Waukesha (City), located in southeast Wisconsin 17 miles west of Lake Michigan, seeks an exception from the prohibition of diversions under the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact and Great Lakes– St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement. The Compact prohibits diversions of Great Lakes water, with limited

exceptions. One exception allows a “community within a straddling county,” such as Waukesha, to apply for a diversion of Great Lakes water.

The City submitted its original application in May 2010. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reviewed the application and made several requests for additional information. The City submitted its latest revised Application for a Lake Michigan Diversion with Return Flow to the DNR in October 2013. The City asserts that it needs a new source of water to address water quantity and quality concerns.

In its application, the City proposes to divert an annual average of 10.1 million gallons per day and a daily maximum of 16.7 million gallons upon final water supply service area build-out for a population of 97,400 (approximately the year 2050).

Public Comments

Written comments on the draft EIS and draft Technical Review may be submitted through August 28th, 2015 to:

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The DNR will review public comments related to the draft Technical Review and summarize and respond to public comments on the Draft EIS and consider public comments on the draft Technical Review before the DNR releases a Final Technical Review and Final EIS. If the DNR finds the application approvable in the Final Technical Review, the application will be forwarded to the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body for review. Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin 23 July 2015

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Jill Jonas, Director
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